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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION FOR REFERENCES
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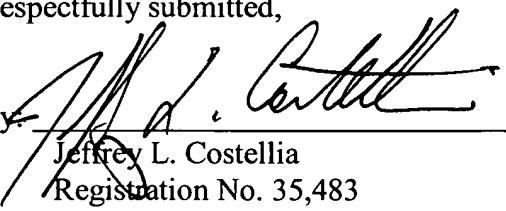
It is requested, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, that the references cited in the International Search Report dated July 21, 2000, (copy enclosed) be considered and made of Record in the subject application. These references are listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith.

Copies of the references are not being submitted inasmuch as copies of the references have been provided to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as indicated in the Notification of Acceptance dated April 26, 2002.

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